

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Patent Application of)
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Application No.) ATT: APPLN SECTION
Filed: November 8, 2001)
For: SHIFT MANIPULATING DEVICE FOR)
AN AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING FILING

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 8 and 9 and add new claims 14, 15, and 16 as shown in the Appendix. Claims 8 and 9 as amended and new claims 14-16 are presented immediately herebelow.

8. (Amended) The shift manipulating device according to claim 7, wherein the holder is provided at a side thereof with a magnet, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon magnetism sensing elements, which are responsive to magnetism of the magnet.

9. (Amended) The shift manipulating device, according to claim 8, wherein the holder is provided on a side thereof with a

pushing portion for opening and closing a parking gate switch, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon the parking gate switch.

14. (Newly-added) The shift manipulating device according to claim 6, wherein the holder is provided at a side thereof with a magnet, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon magnetism sensing elements, which are responsive to magnetism of the magnet.

15. (Newly-added) The shift manipulating device according to claim 14, wherein the holder is provided on a side thereof with a pushing portion for opening and closing a parking gate switch, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon the parking gate switch.

16. (Newly-added) The shift manipulating device according to claim 7, wherein the holder is provided on a side thereof with a pushing portion for opening and closing a parking gate switch, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon the parking gate switch.


REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is requested to set forth the proper claim dependency under the rules and thus place the application in better form for initial review and consideration

by the Examiner. Prompt and favorable examination of this application, as amended by this preliminary amendment, is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix I

Amendment to the claims

8. (Amended) The shift manipulating device according to claim [6 or] 7, wherein the holder is provided at a side thereof with a magnet, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon magnetism sensing elements, which are responsive to magnetism of the magnet.

9. (Amended) The shift manipulating device, according to claim [6, 7 or] 8, wherein the holder is provided on a side thereof with a pushing portion for opening and closing a parking gate switch, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon the parking gate switch.

14. (Newly-added) The shift manipulating device according to claim 6, wherein the holder is provided at a side thereof with a magnet, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon magnetism sensing elements, which are responsive to magnetism of the magnet.

15. (Newly-added) The shift manipulating device according to claim 14, wherein the holder is provided on a side thereof with a pushing portion for opening and closing a parking gate switch, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon the parking gate switch.

16. (Newly-added) The shift manipulating device according to claim 7, wherein the holder is provided on a side thereof with a pushing portion for opening and closing a parking gate switch, and a first substrate is provided near the holder to mount thereon the parking gate switch.